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Honorable Felix J. Boudreaux
Commissioner of Conservation
P. O. Box 94275, Capitol Station
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

RE: Alternate Unit Well Request
HOSS RA SU E
CLEAR BRANCH FIELD
Jackson Parish, Louisiana

Dear Sir:

Application is hereby made on behalf of Rio Bravo Exploration & Production Company ("Applicant") to the Commissioner of Conservation for the calling of a public hearing, after ten (10) days legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the Hosston Zone, Reservoir A, in the Clear Branch Field, Jackson Parish, Louisiana.

1. To authorize Applicant to drill, designate and utilize its Terry Ewing No. 2 Well as an alternate unit well for HOSS RA SU E, at a legal location within said unit.
2. To find that the proposed alternate unit well is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the Hosston Zone, Reservoir A, underlying HOSS RA SU E which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well on such unit.
3. To grant a single unit allowable for the HOSS RA SU E and to permit the operator of the unit to produce said unit allowable from the unit well, the proposed alternate unit well, or from a combination of such wells in the unit, at its option.
4. To find that, except to the extent contrary in the order granted by the Commissioner of Conservation in connection with the hearing held on this application, the provisions of Office of Conservation No. 989 and 989-A series of Orders, should remain in full force and effect.
5. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent to this application.

The Hosston Zone, Reservoir A, in the Clear Branch Field, Jackson Parish, Louisiana, was fully defined in Order No. 989, effective December 1, 1976.

All pertinent data relating to the subject application is available for inspection at the Offices of Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 N. Causeway Blvd., Suite 204, Metairie, Louisiana 70002. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call (504) 834-8112 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data which is not otherwise available from the Office of Conservation can be obtained at the expense of the requesting party.

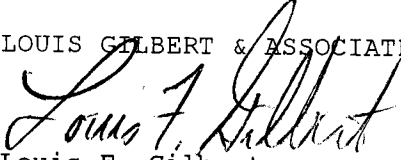
In addition to furnishing the legal notice to all Interested Parties, the applicant will provide for POSTING of the legal notice of the hearing and proposed well location plat in a prominent place in the area of the Clear Branch Field, Jackson Parish, Louisiana. Also, the legal notice will be PUBLISHED in a newspaper of general circulation in the vicinity of the Clear Branch Field.

There is attached hereto and made a part hereof, a list of the names and addresses of the Interested Parties, Interested Owners and Represented Parties to whom this application is being sent. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, such list of parties is being furnished ONLY to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation. The aforementioned list is available upon request to any Interested Party. A diligent effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Parties, Interested Owners, and Represented Parties as required by the Revised Rules of Procedure.

There is attached hereto a check made payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee on behalf of Rio Bravo Exploration & Production Company.

Very truly yours,

LOUIS GILBERT & ASSOCIATES, INC.


Louis F. Gilbert

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Interested Parties, Interested Owners
and Represented Parties (w/plat)

